

WATERWORKS TO BE PUT IN

SEWERAGE TO WAIT FOR MORE FAVORABLE TIME

Offers For Bonds Discussed at
Meeting of Committee
Wednesday Night

The board of public works and the sewerage commission held a joint meeting last Wednesday night to discuss bonds. T. E. McColl presided and C. S. Chaffin acted as secretary.

H. L. McColl presented a mass of correspondence and other information in reference to the proposed sale of the \$60,000 bonds voted for waterworks and sewerage.

The bonds were advertised for sale in the New York daily Bond Buyer for ten days. They were to run 40 years and bear five per cent interest. Bids were to be received up to April 15th.

In answer to this advertisement about a dozen northern and western bond buyers wrote and asked for more information about the assessed value of the town's property, its indebtedness, population etc. These letters were answered, but up to April 15th, not a single bid had been received for the bonds.

Mr. McColl then wrote to various parties, telling them that no satisfactory bids had been received for the bonds, and asking them if they would be interested, and if not, to please state their reasons. Most of them replied that they did not care to submit bids because the assessed value of the property was too low for the indebtedness, the rate of interest was too high, and the financial condition of the county depressed. Two or three of them indicated that they might be interested if the bonds would pay six per cent.

Through further correspondence, two bids were received for

the \$35,000 bonds for waterworks. Albert Cleybolt and Co. of Cincinnati offered 96 for five per cent bonds. The first National Bank of Cleveland offered par for six per cent bonds. No offer was received for the entire \$60,000. The offers for the \$35,000 were for immediate acceptance, and may not now hold good.

Mr. McColl said that Maxton had sold her six per cent bonds at 103, the money to be received in five monthly installments of \$10,000 each. He thought all of Bennettville's bonds could be sold at six per cent. He thought something ought to be done; either accept the best offer in sight, or if the offers are not satisfactory, let the people know it and quit.

Mr. Hamilton said that he thought the \$35,000 for waterworks ought to be sold, and let the sewerage wait awhile. This seemed to be the sentiment of all except Mr. Isaacsohn. He thought they ought to sell the \$60,000. The others were not willing to pay six per cent for sewerage. They considered waterworks a necessity for fire protection, but the town can get along without sewerage for a while. It was thought that conditions would be better later on, and the sewerage bonds could be sold to better advantage. The assessed value of the town property would be greater after the next quadrennial assessment of real estate, so that the ratio of indebtedness would be smaller. About the only saving in putting in waterworks and sewerage together would be the salary of the supervising engineer.

Mr. McColl said that the bonds could be sold better now than a few months ago, and the plant could be put in much cheaper, on account of lower prices for material and labor. An engineer estimated that Bennettville's plant could now be put in forty per cent cheaper than Laurinburg's cost.

Mr. Hollis said he looked upon waterworks as a necessity and

sewerage as a luxury, at present. Mr. McKellar moved that the board of public works accept the best offer for the \$35,000 waterworks bonds, and that the sewerage commission make further investigations. This motion was carried without opposition.

This practically severs the work of the two boards, which have heretofore been acting jointly. The board of public works will have exclusive control of putting in waterworks; and then, if sewerage is put in later, the sewerage commission will have charge of that.

The board of public works is composed of H. L. McColl, chairman; E. L. Hamilton and Jacob Isaacsohn.

The following constitute the sewerage commission; T. E. McColl, chairman; P. A. McKellar, E. G. Hollis, Dr. J. F. Kinney and C. S. Chaffin.

A. L. Hamer, the city clerk, is by law ex-officio clerk of the board of public works.

Members of both boards wish the people to know that they have been doing the best they could with the matters entrusted to them, and they believe they are acting in the interest of the people of the town when they refuse to pay an exorbitant rate of interest for sewerage bonds at present.

Part of Bennettville's electric light bonds (\$12,000) pay four and a half per cent, and \$5,000 five per cent.

BEFORE THE MAYOR

Cases Which Came up in the Police Court last Week.

On Monday of last week John Alston was before the mayor on the charge of disorderly conduct. He was fined \$2.

On Thursday afternoon Frank Cane, Richard Cane, and Mary Jane Cane were before the Mayor charged with being disorderly, fighting, and cursing. Richard plead guilty and was fined \$10 or

twenty days. Frank was fined \$5 or ten days, and Mary Jane was dismissed.

It seems that Charlie Fox was "sporting" Mary Jane home from church on the preceding Friday night when he was set upon by the Richard and Frank and a fight started, in which Fox was banged up considerably. It was rather hard matter for the police to get on to the case as none of the participants would tell anything but finally they got evident and brought the offenders in the police court.

Mayor Breeden lets it be known that the second time any offender is before him he will be as heavy as possible on him. This is having a good effect.

Winthrop College Scholarship and Entrance Examination.

The examination for the award of vacant Scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House on Friday, July 3 at 9 A. M. Applicants must be not less than fifteen years of age. When Scholarships are vacant after July 3 they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for Scholarships should write to President Johnson before the examination for Scholarship examination blanks.

Scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. The next session will open September 16 1908. For further information and catalogue, address Pres D B Johnson, Rock Hill, S C 18-26 A D P

A Californian's Luck.

"The luckiest day of my life was when I bought a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve," writes Charles F. Budahn, of Tracy, California. "Two 25c boxes cured me of an annoying case of itching piles, which had troubled me for years and that yielded to no other treatment." Sold under guarantee at Douglas and Breeden's drug store.

There were four applicants for teachers certificates last Friday Misses Annie and Ila Wright of Bennettville, Alma Coachman and Delia Crouch of Kolloek. These are all given certificates.

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Fitz Hugh McMaster
Commissioner

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Carolina Hail Insurance Co,
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Marion, S C.

Dear Sirs:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your license fee \$40.00, and securities, of the par value of \$10,00.00, in compliance with the act requiring the deposit of Ten Thousand Dollars with me as Insurance Commissioner.

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COMMENCEMENT WEEK

Its absolutely necessary to be properly arrayed for commencement. Not to be so takes half of the pleasure out of the grand occasion. Its no longer a big job to fix the boys and girls up. We make it easy. We have the stuff to fix them up with, and if we only had the boys and, we wouldn't say a word about it. But we haven't them. So must look to you all for them. Not any time to waste either. Must come this week.

Beautiful Commencement Shoes

See the beautiful patent leather and kid, Pump and Strap Oxford. Mammoth collection of these. They are neat, some are dainty. Lets get a fit today.

White and Fancy Parasols

These make a great addition to any commencement girl's wardrobe. See these in our window. Price from 98c up.

Commencement Presents

Nothing is more appropriate and surely nothing more useful for commencement present than a pretty fan. These are shown in our windows this week. Price 25c to \$1.50.

Suits and Ties for Boys

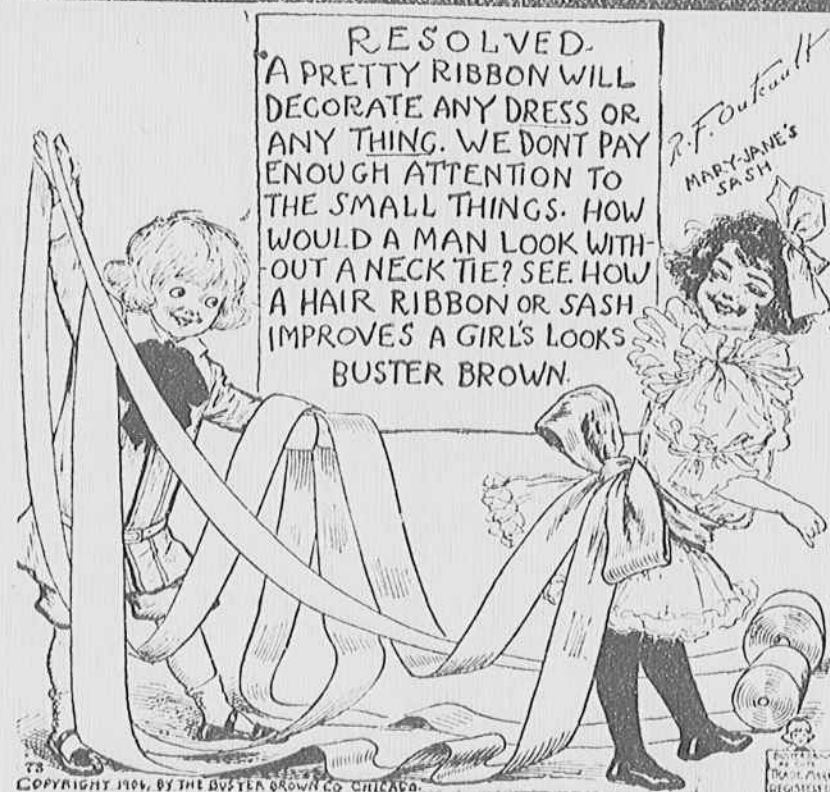
Get him a new well fitting suit for commencement and you make him twice as happy, to say nothing of his appearance. These from \$2.50 to \$7.00.

Ribbons

Ribbons are as necessary to the happiness of the pretty commencement girl as the girl is to the commencement. Best to look through-out stock at once, before most of the best things are gone.

We will give you

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